



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Teri Rennia, City Council President
Angela Holmes, City Clerk

MINUTES
SPECIAL WORK SESSION
City Council Work Room, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton
Monday August 4, 2014

Called to Order. Called to order by Council President Pro Tempore Webb at 5:04pm.

Council Members Present: Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko, Lea Webb, John Matzo, Bill Berg

Council Members Absent: Teri Rennia, Chris Papastrat

Also Present: Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jeremy Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk

ITEMS CONSIDERED

Discussion. Review of memo from the Department of Planning, Housing and Community Development, dated July 25, 2014, addressing questions from Council members received at the July 7, 2014 Work Session.
Presented by: Jennie Skeadas-Sherry, Director of Planning, Housing and Community Development

Main/Court Street Corridor Plan, Section 2, “Commercial Corridor”.

- City Council members discussed whether the City should accept the proposed maximum building height (45’), or remove this proposal from the Main/Court Street Corridor Plan, and leave the dimensions at the current standard (65’). Councilman Motsavage, Councilman Mihalko and Councilwoman Webb were in favor of the new proposal; Councilman Matzo and Councilman Berg were in favor of maintaining existing regulations.
Note: Requires further review. Item sent to the Work Session held on August 18, 2014.

Main/Court Street Corridor Plan, Section 2, “Design Standards”

- City Council members noted that under “Transitional Buffer”, the item “Wall height (min/max)” should be restated as “Fence or Wall height (min/max)”.
Note: Planning staff will forward this request to the consultants. No further action required.
- City Council members noted that under “Building Materials – Primary Materials”, the list of allowable materials should be amended to include EIFS as a building material, but not for the first floor of any development.
Note: Planning staff will forward this request to the consultants. No further action required.

Main/Court Street Corridor Plan, Section 3, “Land Use”

- Should a community garden be limited to the front or back of a property?
Note: Requires further review. Item sent to the Work Session held on August 18, 2014.

Main/Court Street Corridor Plan, Section 4, “Parking”

- City Council members requested additional clarification concerning Required Bicycle Parking.
Note: Requires further review. Item sent to the Work Session held on August 18, 2014.
- Councilman Matzo suggested providing an incentive to developers to meet parking lot and landscaping requirements. What incentives could the City use?



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- Remove the requirement of having wheel stops and curbs with gaps due to the potential issues with plowing during the winter. Keep existing language in code where wheel stops and curbs are required.
Note: Planning staff will forward this request to the consultants. No further action required.

Main/Court Street Corridor Plan, Section 4, "Outdoor Display and Storage"

- City Council members requested the elimination of Section 4.3.
Note: Planning staff will forward this request to the consultants. No further action required.

Recess. Motion to recess at 5:58pm for five minutes.

Moved by Matzo, seconded by Berg.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Reconvene. Called to order by Council President Rennia at 6:06pm.

Council Members Present: Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko, Teri Rennia, Lea Webb, John Matzo, Bill Berg

Council Members Absent: Chris Papastrat

Also Present: Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jeremy Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk

Discussion. Resignation of Angela Holmes as City Clerk, effective Friday August 15, 2014.
Presented by: Angela Holmes, City Clerk

Executive Session. Motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:07pm to discuss litigation.
Moved by Matzo, seconded by Mihalko.
Voice vote, none opposed.

Reconvene. Called to order by Council President Rennia at 6:46pm.

Council Members Present: Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko, Teri Rennia, Lea Webb, John Matzo, Bill Berg

Council Members Absent: Chris Papastrat

Also Present: Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jeremy Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk

RL 14-108. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with I. Kruger, Inc. for a BIOSTYR Pilot Study at the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant (BJCJSTP).
Presented by: Edward Crumb, Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board Member; Gary Holmes, Commissioner of Public Works
Request for Legislation supported by: Motsavage, Mihalko, Matzo
Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

Discussion. Update on mail and pave schedule for the City of Binghamton.
Presented by: Gary Holmes, Commissioner of Public Works



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Discussion. Privatization of garbage collection in the City of Binghamton.

Presented by: Councilman Berg; Gary Holmes, Commissioner of Public Works

RL 14-107. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Shumaker Consulting Engineering for right-of-way (ROW) mapping and appraisals for eighteen (18) temporary easements on the Chenango River Trail Connection Project, PIN 9009.24.

Presented by: Philip T. Krey, City Engineer

Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Matzo, Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

RL 14-109. An Ordinance modifying the 2014 budget, increasing revenue line A41289 (Other Home & Community Services) by \$4,400 to reflect funds received for AutoCad training.

Presented by: Philip T. Krey, City Engineer

Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Matzo, Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

RL 14-110. An Ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$4,400 from revenue budget line A41289 (Other Home & Community Services) to budget line A1440.54701 (Travel & Training).

Presented by: Philip T. Krey, City Engineer

Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Matzo, Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

RL 14-111. An Ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$3,000 from budget line A1440.51800 (Temporary Services) to budget line A1440.54410 (Professional Services) to fund the SWPPP review contract.

Presented by: Philip T. Krey, City Engineer

Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Matzo, Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

RL 14-113. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Keystone Associates to perform Store Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Reviews.

Presented by: Philip T. Krey, City Engineer

Request for Legislation supported by: Motsavage, Mihalko, Berg, Rennia, Matzo, Webb

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

RL 14-112. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with CRA Infrastructure & Engineering, Inc. to perform an engineering study at the Water Filtration Plant.

Presented by: Philip T. Krey, City Engineer

Request for Legislation supported by: Motsavage, Mihalko, Berg, Rennia, Matzo, Webb

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

Discussion. Update on FEMA reimbursements.

Presented by: Gary Holmes, Commissioner of Public Works; Chuck Shager, Comptroller

RL 14-100. An Ordinance amending § 5-7.G of the Code of the City of Binghamton, regarding the City's Investment Policy.



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Presented by: Chuck Shager, Comptroller
Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Matzo, Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb
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RL 14-103. An Ordinance amending the 2014 Insurance Fund budget to purchase additional flood insurance coverage.
Presented by: Chuck Shager, Comptroller
Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Matzo, Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb
Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

RL 14-114. An Ordinance refunding a Bond Ordinance of the City of Binghamton, New York, adopted August 20, 2014, authorizing the refunding of all or a portion of certain outstanding bonds of said City, stating the plan of refunding, appropriating an amount not to exceed \$19,000,000 for such purpose, authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$19,000,000 refunding bonds to finance said appropriation, and making certain other determinations relative thereto.
Presented by: Chuck Shager, Comptroller
Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Matzo, Motsavage, Mihalko Rennia, Webb
Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.
Note: Item sent to the Business Meeting held on August 6, 2014.

Discussion. Update on the establishment of a grocery store in the North Side.
Presented by: Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Robert Murphy, Director of Economic Development

Executive Session. Motion to enter into Executive Session at 8:50pm to discuss litigation.
Moved by Berg, seconded by Motsavage.
Voice vote, none opposed.

Reconvene. Called to order by Council President Rennia at 8:58pm.

Council Members Present: Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko, Teri Rennia, Lea Webb, John Matzo, Bill Berg

Council Members Absent: Chris Papastrat

Also Present: Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jeremy Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk

Discussion. Residency waivers for City of Binghamton employees.
Presented by: Councilman Berg; Jared Kraham, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Discussion. Review of proposed modification to the City of Binghamton's Noise Ordinance.
Presented by: Councilman Motsavage

Discussion. Sale of the former Broome County Department of Motor Vehicles facility.
Presented by: Councilman Berg; Councilman Motsavage

RL 14-105. An Ordinance amended § 327-5 of the Code of the City of Binghamton, regarding Banner Permits.
Presented by: Angela Holmes, City Clerk
Request for Legislation supported by: Motsavage, Matzo, Webb, Mihalko, Rennia



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RL 14-106. An Ordinance amending the Banner Permit fee schedule.

Presented by: Angela Holmes, City Clerk

Request for Legislation supported by: Motsavage, Matzo, Webb, Mihalko, Rennia

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

RL 14-102. An Ordinance amending the fee for the Police and Firefighter civil service exam.

Presented by: Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Angela Holmes, City Clerk

Request for Legislation supported by: Webb, Mihalko, Rennia, Motsavage

Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

Note: Item sent to the Business Meeting held on August 6, 2014.

RL 14-115. An Ordinance amending Section 265-6 of the Code of the City of Binghamton, regarding fees collected for Rental Registration.

Presented by: Council President Rennia

Request for Legislation supported by: Webb, Rennia

Note: RL held until the Work Session held on August 18, 2014.

Discussion. Review of committee reports and pending legislation.

Presented by: Council President Rennia

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 9:32pm.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.